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In Re U.S. Patent Application)
Applicant: Shinkawa et al.)
Serial No. 09/993,729)
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For: DATA PROCESSING DEVICE,)
SIGNAL PROCESSING)
DEVICE, AND INTERFACE)
DEVICE)
Art Unit: 2187)
Examiner: Elmore, Reba I.)

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement mailed December 4, 2003, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-3 and 9-13, with traverse.

The basis for traversal is that examination of both groups would not place an undue burden on the examiner. The elected and non-elected claims share various features in common, so a search for the elected group would likely overlap with a search for the non-elected group. Of course, a review of the specification would cover both groups, as well.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested, with examination of all claims on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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